

LABOR UNIONS PAY.

Government Figures Show Large Dividends on Labor Dues—A Striking Lesson to Negro Workmen.

There are plenty of Negro workmen in the United States. The general habit of the race is hard and useful work. Yet they do not nearly always receive the good pay that hard and useful work ought to bring. One reason for this is that they are so generally unorganized. Every class of workman ought to have it labor unions. Even unskilled labor, provided it is engaged on steady employment, and is of reliable character, can be organized, and can gain almost as much by means of organization as can skilled labor.

United States Labor Commissioner Wright, in his official report, gives the Government stamp of authenticity to statistics showing the material gain in wages by the union over the non-union workman—facts that have often been published as one trade union after another has won its battle for better pay.

Figures concerning a few trades indicate the general rule in the United States, and establish the fact that "it pays to be a union man." The large dividends returned for what workmen invest in dues to their organizations are summarized in Commissioner Wright's report.

He shows that the union bricklayer works 51.5 hours per week, and receives an average of \$3.80 per day. The non-union bricklayer works 57.4 hours per week and receives an average daily wage of \$2.17. Bricklayers' dues are not in excess of \$1 a month, or \$12 a year, and the union bricklayer receives \$480 a year more, and works 612 hours less than his non-union brother.

Now bricklaying is not a highly skilled trade, although it does require more or less skill. But it shows a difference between the organized and the unorganized portion of the trade, even greater than some of the skilled trades, though these also show great advantages coming from the unions.

For example: The union carpenter works 53 hours per week and receives an average of \$2.53 per day. The non-union carpenter works 58 hours per week and receives \$2.13 per day. Carpenters' dues are 50c per month, and they receive \$120 more per year, while working 312 hours less time.

Congressman White in Demand

Ex-Congressman, George H. White is in demand this summer, and he is kept constantly on the go. Wednesday evening of last week he addressed a lyceum at Atlantic City, of which Mr. Isaiah Jenkins is President. Thursday he was at Cape May, looking after some landed interests. Saturday he was in Philadelphia taking care of sales and collections in connection with the real estate company, which controls Whitesboro, N. J. July 28th he speaks at the Negro Conference at Lynchburg; 29th at Danville. Later engagements carry Mr. White to Greensboro and Winston-Salem, N. C., and the 4th of August will find him delivering two addresses at Williamsport, Pa.

JUST A LITTLE PRACTICE WORK

THE COLORED AMERICAN unbottles the pent-up vitrol of its wrath upon the much abused head of the Cleveland Gazette, last week. If you call that a calm and dignified summary, Bro. Cooper, we should hate to read your pages when you had decided to display your wrath.

—*Charleston (W. Va.) Advocate.*
ADORNMENT FOR HOME.
Cathall, S. C., July 8.—I congratulate you, Mr. Editor, upon the addition of new life to The Colored American. Every family should have their homes

adorned with the portrait of the two great men who figured in your supplement,—Booker T. Washington and Rev. W. L. Taylor.

J. A. ROACH.

A MUSIC LOVER'S PRAISE.

Editor Colored American: I must congratulate you upon the excellency of your journal; it is like good wine, it improves with age. I take great pleasure always in handing it to my white friends here as a sample of what the Negro is capable.

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Big Jim Parker in Town

Mr James B. Parker, the hero of the Buffalo tragedy, is in the city, where he will spend a few weeks resting up from a long tour in the South and West. All letters and correspondence can be sent to him in this city in care of The Colored American. *tt.*

Another Chorister Honored.

Prof. John T. Layton has been selected as one of the choristers to direct a chorus of 1 000 voices at Atlanta Ga., and also will take a prominent part as a soloist at the grand song service to be held in the auditorium. The Record has put him in the field as a candidate for one of the free trips offered by them. Now is the time for his many friends to rally to his support.

To Stop at Alexandria.

Alexandria, Va., July 15, 1902
Brother W. H. J. Malvin:—It is the earnest desire of those who accompanied the Masons on the excursion of June 24 that some provision be made to have the boat stop on the excursion of Friday, August 1st, as there are hundreds of our people who would enjoy an outing with the Masons of the District of Columbia.

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT H. SIMPSON.

National Negro Press Association.

The Afro-American Press Association at its St. Paul meeting elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Cyrus Field Adams, of the Chicago Appeal; vice-president, John O. Dancy, of Salisbury, N. C.; treasurer, William H. Steward of Louisville, Ky.; secretary, T. Thomas Fortune, of New York; chairman of the executive committee, Emmett J. Scott of Tuskegee, Ala.

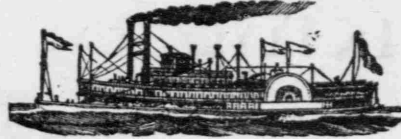
Mr. and Mrs. Gaskins Return.

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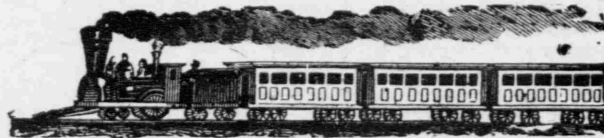
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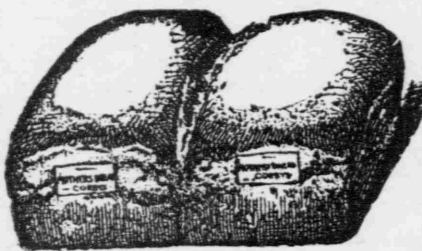
To the Great Negro Industrial and Agricultural Conference, Monday and Tuesday, July 28 and 29. 1902 Special train leaves Washington Saturday night the 26 h at 11:30 Returning, leaves Lynchburg, Monday night at 11:30.

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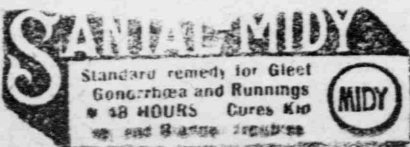
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